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physical custody of the person from 48 to 72 hours after they receive notice of the commitment order. Fourth, the committee amendment also requires the department to assume financial responsibility for the maintenance and treatment of a person within 72 hours of receiving notice of the order. Mr. Speaker, I do have an amendment to the committee amendment as well, AM3132, and I would like to take that up at this time if I may, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment to the committee amendments from Senator Jensen. It's found in the Journal on page 1003. (AM3132)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment simply clarifies that the department must assume financial responsibility for the maintenance and treatment of the person as prescribed in the order when they take physical custody of the person, or beginning 72 hours after they receive notice of the commitment order, whichever is earlier. I would like to offer that amendment as needed technical correction to the committee amendment that clarifies the intent of Senator Hudkins and of the committee when it was approved by the committee amendment. I've also passed out to you a couple sheets. One is the emergency services allocation and the other one was regional services to be developed with LB 692 and LB 543 funds, just for your information, as we begin discussions on this bill. But at this time I would ask for the amendment to the committee amendment be passed by the body. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that I have actively supported in the past and a situation where I think that the counties have a strong argument. But there comes a time when the landscape changes completely, sometimes to our disadvantage, Senator